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Regarding claims 20-39 and 52, Zeller discloses a method of reading a message whose values have been inserted into sets of pattern elements in a digital authentication pattern belonging to a digital representation, the method comprising the steps of:

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Regarding claim 42, Zeller discloses a method of determining whether an analog form that includes a copy detection pattern is an original analog form, the method comprising the steps of:

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Regarding claim 43, Zeller discloses a method of determining a copying relationship between digital representations, each of the digital representations including a portion that is sensitive to alteration produce by a copying process and the method comprising the steps of:

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